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President Susilo receives PhD in Peace Leadership from UUM



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INDONESIAN President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono was yesterday conferred Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Peace Leadership by Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah who is also UUM chancellor presented the award to Susilo at a special convocation at Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur. Tuanku Abdul Halim said the inaugural award was conferred in recognition of Susilo's significant contribution to world peace and hopes it would inspire leaders to intensify efforts towards peace, especially for the Asian region. He said the Malaysia-Indonesia close economic and trade ties could be further boosted by the peace leadership qualities among South-East Asian leaders and the population. Susilo who arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday to attend the 9th Annual Malaysia-Indonesia Talks in Putrajaya left for home yesterday afternoon. UUM vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak said the award was in recognition of Susilo's efforts towards peace by resolving the 30-year Aceh conflict and the "soft power" approach in building ties with Timor Leste. — *Bernama*